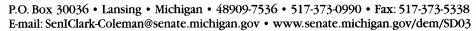
STATE SENATOR - IRMA CLARK-COLEMAN - 3RD DISTRICT

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DEARBORN LAWYERS HONOR CLARK-COLEMAN WITH LIBERTY BELL AWARD

(LANSING) – The Dearborn Bar Association awarded State Senator Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) with the prestigious Liberty Bell Award for her significant contribution to the justice system during a "Law Day" reception at the 19th District Court in Dearborn.

Each year, the Dearborn law community identifies non-lawyers who make a difference in the lives of greater society. This year, under the theme: Brown vs. Board of Education, Sen. Clark-Coleman emerged as a standout for her work as a public servant.

"In her private and political careers, Sen. Clark-Coleman has been a champion of education," said Elizabeth L. DiSanto, Law Day Chairperson. "Protecting equal opportunity to education is one of the fundamental components of justice."

Sen. Clark-Coleman expressed her gratitude: "It is a privilege to be held in such high esteem," she said. "I have great respect for the Dearborn Bar Association and for them to honor me under the banner of one of the single most important legal victories in my lifetime leaves me speechless."

The group presented Sen. Clark-Coleman with the award during a dinner at which Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy delivered the keynote speech. Local students also took part in the celebration as they gathered to receive awards for designing a "Law Day" poster that reflected how diversity influences government, politics, and culture.

Oakman Elementary School won 1st and 2nd place for its art work and Salina Intermediate School collected 3rd prize for its efforts. Each winner received a savings bond.

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